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SUBJ: OPERATION CLEARVIEW/SEAM 75: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS FOR APRIL 4
- APRIL 10, 1975

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1. ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION SUMMARY:

A. DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD ALL OPERATIONS OF THE 1975 MEXICAN CAMPAIGN WERE AT FULL STRENGTH. SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES WERE MADE BY THE MFJP AND ARE OUTLINED IN THE INTERDICTION SECTION OF THIS REPORT.

B. DUE TO VERY DRY WEATHER CONDITIONS, MANY POPPY PLANTATIONS ARE DYING IN THE FIELDS.

C. ON APRIL 8, 1975, DEA AGENTS FLEW A RECONNAISSANCE MISSION LASTING TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS AND SIGHTED ONLY ONE POPPY PLANTATION. THIS FLIGHT, APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES BY AIR EAST OF CHOIX, SINALOA, COVERED ABOUT 400 SQUARE MILES.

D. ONE BELL 212 HELICOPTER IS PRESENTLY DOWN FOR REPAIR,
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BUT ALL OTHERS ARE IN FLYING CONDITION.

E. MANY MEXICAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE CAMPAIGN BELIEVE THAT DESTRUCTION OF ALL POPPY PLANTATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED WITHIN THREE WEEKS. (CONTRARY TO EARLIER ESTIMATES)

2. STATISTICS:

A. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR WEEK:

OPIUM POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	320
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	1,153,395
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	25,955,355
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	285

MARIJUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	21
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	28,588
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	948,543
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	7

MIXED PLANTATIONS (MARIJUANA AND POPPIES)

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	1
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	24,000
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	720,000
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	6

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ADDITIONAL ERADICATION FIGURES REPORTED BY THE MFJP FOR THE CAMPAIGN IN THE STATE OF CHIHUAHUA WERE REPORTED SEPARATELY. TOTAL FIGURES SO FAR AVAILABLE FOR THE PERIOD FEBRUARY 27 THROUGH MARCH 6, 6975 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

OPIUM POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	250
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	744,066
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	25,215,722
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	184

MARIJUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	114
SQ. METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	7,020,648
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	60

B. CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS:

POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	4,140
SQ. METERS SURFACE AREA DESTROYED	11,010,046
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED	290,056,178
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	2,721

MARIJUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	1,547
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SQ. METERS SURFACE AREA DESTROYED	3,942,113
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED	155,374,361
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	975

MIXED POPPIES AND MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	134
SQ. METERS SURFACE AREA DESTROYED	721,880
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED	31,626,073
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	178

OTHER SEIZURES AND DESTRUCTION

BUNDLES OF POPPIES DESTROYED	64
BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA DESTROYED	29
PERSONS ARRESTED	36
MARIJUANA DRYING SHEDS DESTROYED	54
IRRIGATION PUMPS DESTROYED	3
TRACTORS SEIZED	1
METERS OF IRRIGATION HOSE DESTROYED	9,335
OPIUM GUM SEIZED	20 GRAMS
BOXES OF BLASTING CAPS SEIZED	6
FUSE CORD SEIZED	1 ROLL
VEHICLES SEIZED	2
MARIJUANA SEEDS SEIZED OR DESTROYED	5#0

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MANICURED MARIJUANA DESTROYED	558
PLOWS SEIZED	1

C. INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR WEEK:

INTERDICTION OPERATIONS AND THEIR EXTENSION PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING:

1 LABORATORY SEIZED

800 GRAMS OF HEROIN SEIZED

7 ARRESTS

250 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA SEIZED

20 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA SEEDS SEIZED

CHEMICALS AND LABORATORY EQUIPMENT SEIZED

D. CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION STATISTICS:

444 ARRESTS IN THE FOUR STATES OF SINALOA, CHIHUAHUA, DURANGO AND SONORA, SINCE JANUARY 15 TO APRIL 10, 1975 FOR DRUG VIOLATIONS, GUN VIOLATIONS, CONTRABAND VIOLATIONS AND OTHER VIOLATIONS.

44 GROUND VEHICLES SEIZED

4 LIGHT AIRPLANES SEIZED

60,430 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA SEIZED OR DESTROYED

96 RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND/OR HANDGUNS SEIZED

9 HEROIN LABORATORIES SEIZED

15 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN IN PROCESS DESTROYED

15,035 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN SEIZED
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3 LITERS OF OPIUM CONCENTRATE (MORPHINE BASE) DESTROYED

20 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA SEEDS DESTROYED

16.3 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM GUM SEIZED

3.04 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE SEIZED

28.12 KILOGRAMS OF POPPY SEEDS SEIZED OR DESTROYED

1 HAND GRENADE SEIZED

2000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION SEIZED

3. COMMENTS:

A. MANY MEXICAN OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN THE 1975 CAMPAIGN BELIEVE THAT THE CAMPAIGN WILL TERMINATE WITHIN THREE WEEKS; HOWEVER, NOTHING OFFICIAL HAS BEEN VERIFIED.

B. NONE OF THE U.S.-DONATED ARMS HAS YET ARRIVED IN CULIACAN, AND AS OF APRIL 9, 1975, IT WILL BE SIX WEEKS SINCE THE MACHINE GUNS AND PISTOLS ARRIVED IN MEXICO CITY. MEXICAN OFFICIALS IN CULIACAN HAVE NO IDEA AS TO THE DELAY. IN A CONVERSATION APRIL 8, THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL EXPRESSED THE DETERMINATION TO HAVE AT LEAST PART OF THE ARMS DELIVERED VERY SOON.

C. GENERAL CASTILLO OF THE MILITARY ZONE OF SINALOA IS

DISGUSTED WITH MEXICAN CAMPAIGN COORDINATOR LIC. MANUEL CARCAMO-TREVINIO AND REFUSES TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS WITH HIM. THIS OPINION APPEARS TO BE SHARED BY MOST OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S DEPARTMENT.
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